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Happy Holidays to our 250 ICF Clearinghouse colleagues!

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- 1. In "2003NACC", see the Call for Participation in the Ninth Annual North American Collaborating Center's ICF Meeting to be held June 17-19, 2003 in St. Louis, Missouri. We now seek ICF abstracts on: ICF use in surveys; ICF in clinical practice; ICF use in administrative records; Using ICF as a code set to record and classify functional status for payment and quality purposes; Coding with ICF; Using ICF and ICD together; Preparing ICF codebooks, operations and procedures manuals; ICF conceptual and issue areas; Addressing strategies for ICF implementation; Discussing ICF assessment tools; ICF crosswalked with other assessment tools; Basic ICF research; Developing ICF training tools and identifying ICF educational needs; ICF and Teaching; ICF and Environment; ICF and Participation; and International Updates. The abstract deadline is April 1, 2003.
- 2. In "Agency Use of ICF", we reprint with permission "Federal Activities Related to the WHO's ICF". It is a detailed 12-page document with all ICF grants and contracts awarded by the U.S. Federal government. It was prepared by Dr. Cille Kennedy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, in Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy. If you know of a project not in this compendium, please let Dr. Kennedy (Cille.Kennedy@HHS.gov) and Paul Placek (pjp2@cdc.gov) know, and we will update the document.
- 3. This month we have "Spotlight on Diane Caulfeild of CIHI" in an attempt to tell you more about one of the key ICF researchers in the U.S. and Canada. If you would like to be considered for a "Spotlight" interview, contact Trish Welch Saleeby of Washington University at tel 314-286-1612 or (welchp@gwbssw.wustl.edu); we will need for you to email her a digital photo to go with the story.
- 4. The October 13-19, 2002 WHO Family of International Classifications Meeting in Brisbane Australia included 100 papers on ICD and ICF. All 100 papers are posted on this Australian website: http://www.aihw.gov.au/international/who-hoc/index.html

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